

Amendment and Response
Applicant: Mark Hirst et al.
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REMARKS

The following remarks are made in response to the Office Action mailed February 22, 2006. Claims 11-14, 21-22, and 34-40 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 11-14, 16-22, 24-25, and 27-40 were rejected. Claims 3, 5-10, 15, 23, and 26 were allowed. With this Response, claims 16, 24-25, and 27 have been amended. Claims 3, 5-10, 15-20, and 23-33 remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3, 5-10, 15, 23 and 26 are allowed.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 11-14, 16-22, 24-25, and 27-40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dowling U.S. Patent No. 6,883,929 ("Dowling"). With this Response, claims 11-14, 21-22, and 34-40 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 16 has been amended to depend from allowed independent claim 15, and claims 24, 25, and 27 have been amended to depend from allowed independent claim 23.. As such, claims 17-20 depend directly or indirectly from and further define allowable independent claim 15, and claims 28-33 depend directly or indirectly from and further define allowable independent claim 23. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of claims 16-20, 24-25, and 27-33 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) and allowance of claims 16-20, 24-25, and 27-33.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 3, 5-10, 15-20, and 23-33 are in form for allowance and are not taught or suggested by the cited references. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 3, 5-10, 15-20, and 23-33 is respectfully requested.

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